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SUBJECT: AMBASSADORIAL SHOWING OF "TOWERING INFERNO"

1. A SMALL BUT HIGH-LEVEL AUDIENCE ATTENDED THE AMBASSADOR'S SCREENING OF "TOWERING INFERNO" FEBRUARY 23 IN THE AMERIACN LIBRARY THEATRE IN BUCHREST. AMOF THE FORTH ROMANIANS WHO ATTENDED WERE: THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ANGELO MICULESCU; DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VASILE GLIGA; HEAD OF THE GOR DELEGATION TO CSCE, VALENTIN LIPATTI; DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL THEATRE RADU BELIGAN (WHO IS ALSO CONSIDERED TO BE ROMANIA'S BEST ACTOR); GEORGE IVASCU, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF ROMANIA LITERARA, THE COUNTRY'S MOST IMPORTANT LITERARY MAGAZINE; DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ION CEAUSESCU AND ILIE CEAUSESCU, BOTH BROTHERS OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU (ILIE IS A MIMBER OF THE HIGHER POLITICAL COUNCIL OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.) THE FILM ALSO SERVED AS THE FIRST OCCASION FOR A VISIT TO THE AMERICAN LIBRARY BY SEVERAL OF THE GUEST LIKE MICULESCU AND THE CEAUSESCU BRETHEN.

2. THOUGH WE EXPECTED POSITIVE GREETINGS TO THE FILM, COMMENTS WERE FAR MORE FAVORABLE THAN WE ANTICIPATED. TO WIT: MICULESCU: "AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL FILM"; GLIGA: "EXCITING AND VERY WELL DONE"; LIPATTI: "EXCITING AND ENJOYABLE"; BELIGAN: "TECHNICALLY EXCELLENT AND WELL-ACTED".

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3. THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHER MISSION OFFICERS ARE QUITE SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF THIS SHOWING. THE QUALITY OF THE FILM

WAS EXCELLENT, AND THE AUDIENCE WHO SAW IT WAS VERY MUCH THE SORT
WE WANT TO REACH WITH THESE PROGRAMS. AGAIN WE WISH TO EXPRESS
OUR APPRECIATION TO THE AGENCY FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
"TOWERING INFERNO".

4. PLEASE ADVISE THE STATUS OF OUR OTHER FEATURE FILM REQUESTS,
NOTABLY " JAWS" AND "NASHVILLE".
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